

## **JOINT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 20, 2023**

The Joint Special meeting of the Juab County Commission with the Utah County Commission was held June 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in the Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main, Nephi, Utah.

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Clinton Painter ----- Commissioner

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Tanielle Callaway-----Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Norm Beagley (Santaquin City), Drake Underwood, Travis Kenison, Debbie Zirbes, Melanie Cowan, Tom Sakievich (Utah County Commissioner), Brandon Gordon (Utah County Commissioner), Anthony Canto (Surveyor), Dale Eyre (Utah County Attorney's Office), Zack Buck, Paul Jones (Utah County Deputy Attorney), Lisa Shepherd, Myrna Trauntvein

Juab County Commissioners and Utah County Commissioners met to consider possible proposals for a County Line Boundary Adjustment in Santaquin. Juab County and Utah County met last year and discussed possible proposals and adjourned with plans of meeting in the future.

There was some discussion of some property up near Eureka in the last meeting. That proposal has since fallen through.

There are currently some homes in a Santaquin subdivision that divides over both county lines. The subdivision contains 25 homes; 8 to 10 of the homes are in Juab County.

Chairman Painter indicated they need to find something amenable, value for value. The estimated value on the taxes for those homes is \$75,000 that Juab County would lose if moved to Utah County.

Chairman Painter inquired if water rights could be an option. Utah County indicated it was a good suggestion, and they would need to check further into that and see if they did.

Dale Eyre inquired further into the previously discussed Eureka parcels. Commissioner Kenison stated he felt there were some issues with that. Chairman Painter stated they have not responded further with the Commissioners, and the feeling was it was a no go. He indicated they are looking for direction on what they are looking for so they can make a plan.

Juab County Assessor Zack Buck inquired if the maps had changed. He stated the last time he reviewed the map, 12 homes were in Juab County, and 8-10 homes were split by the county line with Juab and Utah.

Commissioner Palmer inquired how this came about. Dale Eyre indicated that cities can annex into adjacent counties. Anthony Canto stated that Santaquin would have petitioned Juab County for the annexation, and that Juab County accepted that. Debbie Zirbes, Zack Buck and Commissioner Kenison and Chairman Painter all indicated that Juab County was not notified of the annexation beforehand. Mr. Eyre stated that the county should have been notified of the annexation. Anthony Canto indicated it would have been the Santaquin City Manager that would have notified the county.

Commissioner Sakievich inquired if the water was an issue, what other options would Juab County be interested in. Mr. Eyre asked if there were any other areas along the county line that would be of interest for future development in Juab County. Commissioner Sakievich indicated the growth is coming south, and Santaquin is expanding quickly. Mr. Eyre inquired if the city planner and the county recorder could meet and discuss some options. Mr. Canto stated he would like to be involved in any meetings to see if they can adjust boundary lines, so they follow section lines and other definable items.

Debbie Zirbes and Zack Buck stated there may be some areas where the county line cuts and dips that would make sense to straighten the line out, between Eureka and Goshen. Mr. Buck also stated there are parcels near Rocky Ridge that don't make sense, where Utah County assesses and Juab County assesses one and they're in the wrong county. Commissioner Sakievich indicated that just reaffirms the suggestion of a joint meeting with both surveyors, recorders and assessors.

Ms. Zirbes indicated she would have some concerns taking property from Utah County up near Eureka, due to the mines in the area. She stated she has been tracking Juab County's mines for 60-70 years, and Utah County has not been tracking their mining claims. Commissioner Gordon asked if that was a liability for counties if that's not being done. Ms. Zirbes stated there is.

Mr. Eyre indicated it would be a good idea to dial in the actual amount for the exact number of houses and the taxable value and determine a tangible number. Mr. Canto advised he would be willing to come down and meet with the assessor and recorder and look at maps to determine that. Chairman Painter indicated they would like Tracy Painter involved in that meeting, as well.

Chairman Painter indicated he believes the first step is to clear up the county lines on both sides and look at potential areas for consideration. They will have a meeting and pinpoint a value and come up with some options. Both counties will schedule a meeting and plan on reconvening back to report their findings to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sakievich indicated if they could plan on meeting back in a few months. Mr. Canto indicated he would be happy to meet with Ms. Zirbes and look at the areas and see if they can fix some problems. Mr. Canto inquired if Juab County was interested in running the section line right along Santaquin and taking all of Santaquin completely out of Juab County. John Crippen stated he felt the reason the first area offered did not work out is so they could put a fire station in that area and then they could qualify for some rural grants. Mr. Canto asked if they were okay with them providing two options of cutting Santaquin out of Juab County or leaving it in. They decided it would be best to cut it out, to alleviate future problems.

There was discussion on other possible areas to the west and where the county line dips down.

Commissioner Sakievich inquired if they could meet and reconvene the third week of September. Mr. Eyre indicated the recorders, assessors, surveyors and planners would meet. Mr. Eyre stated he would host the meeting in the end of July, first part of August, if that worked. Commissioner Gordon thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Tanielle Callaway

Tanielle Callaway  
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: Clint Painter  
Clint Painter  
Commission Chair

Minutes approved at the 7/12/2023 Board Of Utah County Commission Meeting

Amelia Powers Gardner  
Amelia Powers Gardner, Chair

ATTEST:

Alice Black  
Alice Black/Deputy County Clerk

